Term:      Spring 2013
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Course #:   THEO 4330/5330
Section:    101
Course Title:  Theology of the Church

Description:

This course begins by asking how the church of the New Testament can inform our understanding of Christian church today. It then considers the Roman Catholic understanding of church as found in the documents of Vatican II. In so doing it addresses the issues of what is the church, where it is to be found, and who belongs to it. It also addresses critical issues of the leadership and authority of the church, key ecclesial sacraments, the nature and role of the laity, and the church’s mission and relationship to the world. The final quarter of the course examines post-conciliar and post-modern ecclesial issues, perspectives, and opportunities, especially those of communion and of ecumenical and transdenominational ways of conceiving church.